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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The following are the figures :—

Year.	Amount of tax collected	
	on petrol.	on other than petrol.
	RS.	RS.
1947–48	38,33,091	8,07,005
1948–49 (up to 30th June 1948).	22,71,518	5,29,490 "

Publication of the Madras General Sales Tax Act IX in the regional languages.

* 165 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras General Sales Tax Act IX of 1939, as amended, has been translated into Telugu and Kannada and published and made available for sale;

(*b*) if so, on what date the said publications were published and made available for sale; and

(*c*) whether the said publications are made available for sale in the taluk offices or in the offices of the Sales Tax Officers in the various districts?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Candidates sent abroad for Electrical Engineering Courses.

* 166 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates for further Electrical Engineering Courses were deputed by the Government to foreign countries;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of such candidates;

(*c*) whether Sri Srinivasan, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering in the Engineering College, Guindy, was deputed for foreign studies;

(*d*) whether the said Sri Srinivasan has returned after completing his studies;

(*e*) whether, by virtue of his seniority in service and qualifications, Sri Srinivasan is qualified to be appointed as the Professor of Electrical Engineering;

(*f*) whether the Government recently made some appointments for the posts of Professors of Electrical Engineering;

(*g*) if the answer to (*f*) is in the affirmative, whether the posts were advertised and the selection made by the Public Service Commission;

(*h*) what the nativity and qualifications of the candidates appointed as Professors of Electrical Engineering are and whether they fulfil the qualifications prescribed for the posts;

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(*i*) whether direct recruitment was called for, when qualified persons were available to fill the posts by promotion;

(*j*) whether the aggrieved candidates represented their cases to the Government; and

(*k*) if the answer to (*i*) is in the affirmative, what the orders of the Government are?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Sri A. Srinivasan and Sri S. Srinivasan were the Government servants of the Education department sent for advanced studies in Electrical Engineering.

" (*c*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member apparently refers to Sri A. Srinivasan, permanent Laboratory Assistant and officiating Junior Instructor in Electrical Engineering. He has returned to India after completing his studies overseas. Promotions to the posts of Professors in Engineering Colleges are made from among Instructors. Sri A. Srinivasan has not officiated *regularly* as Instructor. He has not also completed his probation in the category of Junior Instructors. Hence, he is not eligible for *regular* promotion as Professor. The question of his being qualified or not for such promotion as Professor does not arise.

" (*f*) *to* (*h*) The Government appointed Sri R. C. Advani as Professor of Electrical Engineering in the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. The appointment was made, not by the method of ' direct recruitment,' but on a contract basis for a period of three years and hence the Madras Public Service Commission had not been asked to advertise the post and select a candidate. Sri Advani is a refugee from Sind. His academic qualifications are B.Sc. degree of the Bombay University and the degree of Bachelor of Technical Science in Electrical Engineering of the Victoria University, Manchester. In addition, he possesses considerable practical and teaching experience. Contract appointments are made otherwise than in accordance with the service rules and a contract officer need not necessarily satisfy the qualifications prescribed for the post concerned in those rules. Sri Advani was considered suitable for contract appointment as Professor of Electrical Engineering.

" (*i*) *to* (*k*) There was no qualified candidate in service *who was eligible* for promotion as Professor. No officer could have therefore any legitimate grievance. Sri A. Srinivasan, however, submitted a petition to Government in the matter. He has subsequently been promoted as Professor of Electrical Engineering *temporarily* in another vacancy, viz., the post of Professor, College of Engineering, Anantapur."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether in the Education Department there are certain posts for which direct recruitment is prescribed and certain posts for which promotions from the existing officers are made? May I know

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whether this post was one of those meant to be filled by direct recruitment and if it was so, whether Government passed orders taking it out of the category of direct recruitment?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is no necessity to take it out of the category of direct recruitment when a contract appointment is made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did the Government arrive at a decision to make a contract appointment in respect of this post?"

THE HON. SRI. K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Obviously. Otherwise a contract appointment would not have been made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it a fact that this contract appointment has since been cancelled?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Not to my knowledge, Sir."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" What was the date when Mr. Advani was appointed to the post on a contract basis and when Mr. Srinivasan was appointed as professor?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I should ask for notice, Sir."

Standard for the candidates seeking selection into the secondary grade training course.

* 167 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have lowered the standard for the candidates seeking selection into the secondary grade training course and are selecting even failed S.S.L.Cs. with low percentage of marks in English and other subjects;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to assign a separate cadre to the large number of fully qualified Intermediate trained teachers now working in secondary schools;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a student who passes the eighth standard E.S.L.C. examination is admitted into Form IV on production of his pass certificate (E.S.L.C.);

(*d*) if so, whether it is a fact that the eighth standard course is only equivalent to III Form course taught in middle schools;

(*e*) whether an ordinary S.S.L.C. trained teacher is qualified to be headmaster of a higher elementary school which practically corresponds to a middle school;

(*f*) if the answer is in the affirmative, why an Intermediate trained teacher more highly qualified and equipped than the S.S.L.C. trained teacher is not appointed as headmaster for a middle school; and